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Applicant's representative held an interview with Examiner Tugbang on October 12, 2004. Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Tugbang for his time and attention to this matter.

In an Advisory Action dated September 16, 2004, the Examiner stated that a Terminal Disclaimer filed with Applicant's After Final Response (dated 4-16-04) is defective. However, the Advisory Action did not state how the Terminal Disclaimer is defective.

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During the interview with the Examiner, the Examiner informed Applicant's representative that the decision regarding the Terminal Disclaimer was made by another department of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and therefore, the Examiner could not provide any further information. However, the Examiner stated that he would contact the appropriate department that reviewed the Terminal Disclaimer and inquire as to the alleged problem with the Terminal Disclaimer. Additionally, the Examiner states he will contact Applicant's representative immediately upon receiving this information.

It was noted that the Patent Office failed to respond to Applicant's After Final Response (dated 4-16-04) in a timely fashion which resulted in the Applicant having to file a request for continued examination (RCE dated 6-16-04) to avoid abandonment of the application.

Applicant's representative is greatly appreciative of the efforts and time put in to this matter by Examiner Tugbang.

Respectfully submitted,

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